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SUBJECT; CONCORDE FLIGHT

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO M. OULDE DIE AND J.
ABDALLAHI FROM RONALD LA COUNT, NSF

1. WE HAVE ON APRIL FIVE RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE
DETAILED FLIGHT PATH OF THE CONCORDE. THE OVERFLIGHT IN
MAURITANIA WILL BE WELL TO THE EAST OF ATAR AND CHINGUETTI
AND AVOIDS ZONE WE ESTABLISHED AND AGREED TO BY THE GIRM.
I HAVE DISCUSSED THE CONCORDE FLIGHT DATA WITH M. RIGUTTI
BY TELEPHONE. DE JAGER HAS BEEN INFORMED. WE ALL ARE
AWARE OF IMPORTANCE OF EXPERIMENTS TO BE CONDUCTED ABOARD
CONCORDE BY FRENCH, BRITISH AND US SCIENTISTS. INTERNA-
TIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION AND NSF ARE IN ACCORD ON PLANS
FOR CONCORDE FLIGHT AS LONG AS WE HAVE ASSURANCES IT DOES
NOT OVERFLY GROUND- BASED SITES OR BETWEEN OBSERVERS AND
LINE OF SIGHT TO ECLIPSED SUN. PRESENT PLANS ARE THAT IT
WILL NOT. US SCIENTISTS ON CONCORDE ATTENDING EXPERIMEN-
TERS MEETING IN FRANCE ON APRIL 26 WHEN THIS SUBJECT
AND OTHERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN. PROF. ROSCH ALSO
INVOLVED AND IN CONTACT WITH RIGUTTI AND DE JAGER.

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2. FYI: A PRESS CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN FRANCE APRIL
FIVE TO ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPERIMENTS
ABOARD CONCORDE. ROGERS

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